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Some additional elements to be incorporated in the recommendations to the 2000 Review Conference

1. Transparency in fissile material for nuclear weapons

Bearing in mind the need to prevent disclosure of sensitive information in relation to the provisions of the NPT, appropriate measures could be considered that would promote the transparency in fissile materials for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, with a view to enhancing the irreversibility of nuclear disarmament. As a first step towards that objective, measures should be pursued that would enhance the transparency in surplus fissile material for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices in parallel with a fissile material cut-off treaty.

2. START

Efforts should be made for the early commencement, upon entry into force of the START II agreement, and the early conclusion of negotiations for the START III agreement.

3. Nuclear disarmament by the other nuclear weapons States

In conjunction with the START process, the other nuclear weapon States should commit themselves, at very least, to not increasing their existing nuclear arsenals and to further intensifying their current efforts in reducing them.

4. Non-strategic(tactical)nuclear weapons

The nuclear weapon States are invited to consider possible measures to increase transparency of their non-strategic(tactical)nuclear weapons.